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SUBJECT: UNGA BILATERAL - JAPAN

FOR S/S FROM JOHNSTONE - PLEASE ADD TO SECRETARY'S UNGA
BRIEFING BOOK

1. SETTING

YOU LAST MET THEN FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA IN NOVEMBER
1974, FIRST DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO JAPAN AND
SUBSEQUENTLY WHEN YOU BRIEFED HIM ON THE VLADIVOSTOK
SUMMIT AND YOUR TRIP TO CHINA. THEREAFTER, MIYAZAWA
REPLACED KIMURA AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE CABINET
RESHUFFLE WHEN MIKI BECAME PRIME MINISTER. SINCE THEN
KIMURA HAS NOT HELD ANY GOVERNMENT POST BUT HAS REMAINED
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PARTY AND DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS.

KIMURA WAS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT JAPAN AT THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION BECAUSE OF THE OTHER HEAVY DEMANDS ON
FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S TIME, PARTICULARLY THE PRE-
PARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING DIET SESSION WHICH REQUIRE
MIYAZAWA'S PRESENCE IN TOKYO. KIMURA ASKED FOR THE
BILATERAL IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH YOU AND TO CONSULT ON THE ISSUES BEFORE THE SEVENTH
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SPECIAL SESSION.

THE MEETING WILL BE USEFUL IN HELPING TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR EFFECTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO DELEGATIONS AT THE SPECIAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS.

COURTESY TALKING POINTS

-- IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN; I RECALL WITH PLEASURE OUR CONVERSATIONS LAST YEAR IN TOKYO.

-- I ADMIRE YOUR DEDICATION IN AGREEING TO REPRESENT JAPAN ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION.

2. ISSUES/TALKING POINTS

A. SPECIAL SESSION ISSUES

BACKGROUND: AS AN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY AND A MAJOR TRADING NATION, JAPAN'S INTERESTS COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH OUR OWN IN THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE JAPANESE DELEGATION TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVES PRESENTED IN YOUR SPEECH.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

-- WE HOPE THAT THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL FACILITATE A COOPERATIVE APPROACH BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

-- CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO DELEGATIONS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SESSION.

B. KOREAN ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

BACKGROUND: NORTH KOREA AND HER SUPPORTERS HAVE SHOWN EVERY SIGN OF PRESSING AGGRESSIVELY TO SECURE UNGA APPROVAL OF THEIR POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. THEY HAVE INTRODUCED A HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND, THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN (I.E., US) FORCES AND A PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE "REAL PARTIES" (PUBLICLY INTERPRETED BY PYONGYANG AS MEANING ONLY NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES).
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NORTH KOREA HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT IF THE UN COMMAND IS TERMINATED, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL CEASE TO EXIST. AS ONE OF THE INITIAL CO-SPONSORS, JAPAN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE INTENSE LOBBYING FOR SUPPORT OF OUR RESOLUTION. PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, THE GOJ HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN EARLY CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE CONSENSUS. JAPAN'S UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WAS RECENTLY QUOTED IN THE JAPANESE PRESS AS SAYING OUR RESOLUTION

HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS WHILE THE NORTH KOREAN
POSITION WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED. WE HAVE STRESSED

TO THE GOJ THE NEED TO EXERT OUR FULLEST EFFORTS TO WIN
SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION AND OUR BELIEF THAT OUR CAUSE
WOULD ONLY BE WEAKENED IF WE CONSIDERED CONSENSUS AT
THIS POINT.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

-- INDICATIONS CONTINUE TO POINT TO A DIFFICULT FIGHT
TO SECURE UNGA APPROVAL OF OUR RESOLUTION AND DEFEAT
OF THE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL.

-- JAPAN'S FULLEST DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT ON THE KOREAN
QUESTION CONTINUES TO BE ESSENTIAL TO DEFEAT THE
HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS WELL AS TO SECURE PASSAGE FOR
OURS.

-- IF THERE IS TO BE ANY COMPROMISE, IT WILL ONLY
COME WHEN THE OTHER SIDE REALIZES ITS RESOLUTION WILL
NOT PASS.

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